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SUBJECT: SOVIET ATTACKS ON WESTERN RADIO STATIONS

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1. LATEST WESTERN MASS MEDIUM TO COME UNDER ATTACK IN SOVIET PRESS IS AUSTRIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE. FEBRUARY 27 EDITION OF "MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA" CARRIED REPORT FROM TASS VIENNA CORRESPONDENT V. DOLGIKH UNDER HEADLINE "ANTICOMMUNISM ON THE AIRWAVES" (ANTIKOMMUNISM V EFIRE). REPORT APPEARS LARGEY BASED ON ARTICLE IN AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PAPER "VOLKSTIMME" AND CRITICIZES ORF FOR USUAL SINS - "SHARPLY ANTICOMMUNIST AND ANTISSOVIET SPIRITED AND HEAVY REPORTING ON DISSIDENTS IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES "WHO HAVE LATELY BECOME THE STARS OF THE AUSTRIAN TELEVISION SCREEN."

2. AS WITH EARLIER TASS CRITICISM OF DEUTSCHE WELLE (REFTEL), AUSTRIANS COME IN FOR ADDITIONAL LAMBASTING FOR "OPEN NAZI PROPAGANDA." DOLGIKH'S PIECE CITES "FAR FROM A COMPLETE LIST

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OF 'GUESTS' OF ORF IN RECENT DAYS". WIDOW OF HITLER JUGEND LEADER BALDUR VON SCHIRACH, LUFTWAFFE COMMANDER HANS RUDEL, AND "A GROUP OF OFFICERS WHO FOUGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE FASCISTS IN SPAIN."

3. DOLGIKH'S REPORTAGE APPEARED IN "MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA" DIRECTLY ABOVE EDITORIAL CARTOON DEPICTING APPROPRIATELY

SINISTER FIGURE LABELLED "CIA" PULLING ROPES ATTACHED TO
TONGUE-SHAPED CLAPPERS OF BELLS LABELLED "FREE EUROPE" AND
"LIBERTY". CARTOON IS CAPTIONED: "THE BELL-RINGER
FROM ACROSS THE OCEAN AND HIS PHONY BELLS."

4. COMMENT: "MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA" IS LOCAL MOSCOW CITY
PARTY ORGAN AND AS SUCH DOES NOT CARRY EITHER AUTHORITY
OR CIRCULATION OF NATION-WIDE DAILIES SUCH AS PRAVDA OR
IZVESTIYA. THIS IS CLEARLY SECOND-ECHelon EFFORT, ALTHOUGH
WE FIND IT NOTEWORTHY THAT CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN
BROADCASTERS IS ALSO BEING CARRIED ON AT THIS LEVEL AND
THAT SOVIETS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO PICK ON RADIO/TELEVISION
SERVICE OF SMALL NEUTRAL COUNTRY WHICH IS CLEARLY NOT
IN SAME LEAGUE WITH VOA, RL, RFE, DEUTSCHE WELLE ET AL.
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